

WEATHER REPORT . . .

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Northern California: Cloudy tonight, fair Sunday, light frost in valleys Saturday a. m.; S. changing to north-westerly wind. San Francisco and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; fresh westerly wind.

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BRITISH FIGHT OUT BRAVELY

Desperate Fighting at Wepener and Exciting Developments Expected Soon.

REDDERSBURG, April 12.—The Third Division, commanded by Major General Chermide, has arrived here from Bethany without any incident worth recording. The Boers have been located south of the Wepener and Smithfield districts. Colonel Dalgety, who is in command of the Colonial force surrounded at Wepener, is holding out gamely. Exciting developments are probable in the near future. The censorship is particularly strict.

NO NEWS OF THE WAR.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. LONDON, April 12, 12:30 P. M.—Judging from the lack of news from the front, Good Friday is being kept in South Africa as religiously as it is in London. Presumably the situation remains unchanged, though word from Wepener is awaited with interest, and probably before the day is over a dispatch will be received from Lord Roberts.

THE MASHONA HELD.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. CAPE TOWN, April 12.—The British in charge of the British fleet in Africa waters has refused to permit the steamer Mashona, Captain Johnston, to proceed beyond Durban. The agents of this vessel announced that the cargo destined for Delagoa Bay will be landed at Durban.

The British gunboat, Patridge, December 8th, captured the steamer Mashona, which had sailed from New York November 4th, via St. Vincent, and was bound for Delagoa Bay, laden with flour for the Transvaal. The vessel and the food stuffs were subsequently released on bond and the prize court, March 25th, rendered a verdict.

NEW SECRETARY FOR M'KNLEY.

John Addison Porter Resigns on Account of Ill Health.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Owing to continued ill-health, John Addison Porter, secretary to the President, has tendered his resignation and the President has accepted it, to take effect May 1st next. George B. Cortelyou of New York, the present assistant secretary to the President, has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Porter's health was seriously impaired about a year ago by a severe attack of illness, and since then he has been at times relieved somewhat from the onerous duties of his office, but failing to regain his health, and believing that complete separation from official cares is essential to his speedy and permanent recovery, the secretary has been constrained to tender his resignation, which the President has graciously accepted. His physicians enjoin complete rest and change, that he may have every facility for rapid improvement.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 12.—Statements of the Southern railroad operators and officials differ so widely that it has been determined to find the real cause of trouble on that system. The places of the strikers in this city have been filled from the clerical force, passenger trains have not been seriously interfered with. Freight traffic is somewhat delayed. Reports to A. B. Sullivan, representing the strikers, say that the men are out and that they are standing firm.

TELEGRAPHERS STANDING FIRM.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 12.—The Southern Railway officials say the strike order of President Powell is not generally obeyed, and claim to have plenty of men to fill the places of the strikers. The Southern and Alabama Great Southern, however, are seriously hampered in the movement of freight trains. Passenger trains are running on schedule. While freight trains are having considerable difficulty in moving. A dozen students of Birmingham Business College have been taken out to stations on the Alabama Great Southern. A special from Greenville,

NOT CAPT. REICHMAN.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. PRETORIA, Wednesday, April 12.—United States Consul Hay in an interview says that the report that Captain Reichman, the United States military attaché, participated in the fight at Wepener, is absolutely false. Captain Reichman, it is said, was occupied most of the time attending upon the wounded Dutch military attaché, Lieutenant Nix, who has been severely wounded. Consul Hay has no doubt that Captain Reichman has been confounded with the American Lieutenant Loosberg of the Free State Artillery, who took a very active part in the fight.

TRANSPORT ARRIVES.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. CAPE TOWN, April 12.—The British transport ship, the *Lebanon*, which was captured by the Boers, has arrived here in tow of the British steamer *Empress*, which sailed from the Tyne March 3d for Table Bay.

THE BOER RAIDS.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A dispatch to

Miss, says the railroad officials refuse to give out information about the movement of trains on that system.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 12.—Both sides engaged in the strike of telegraphers on the Southern system are confident this morning. The strike is now in its eighth day. Official information from the office of the assistant general superintendent of the Southern system is that the strike is now in its eighth day. Official information from the office of the assistant general superintendent of the Southern system is that the strike is now in its eighth day. Official information from the office of the assistant general superintendent of the Southern system is that the strike is now in its eighth day.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE MILITIA.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The House Committee on Militia decided today to fix at \$500,000 the amount allowed annually for the militia of the several States, in place of the \$400,000 now allowed. The bill, as heretofore agreed upon, allowed \$400,000 for the militia of the several States, in place of the \$400,000 now allowed. The bill, as heretofore agreed upon, allowed \$400,000 for the militia of the several States, in place of the \$400,000 now allowed.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION

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MOTHER AND BABES BURNED TO DEATH.

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"Tailor Dick" Coomb's Case.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. FRANKFORT, Ky., April 12.—R. C. Benjamin, the colored attorney for "Tailor Dick" Coomb, began to argue the demurrer he filed to the response of the Commonwealth to the writ of habeas corpus this morning before Judge Cantrell, but the court ruled that a demurrer was not the proper way of procedure and gave Benjamin until tomorrow to file an answer to the response.

Naval Bill Comes Up Monday.

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the Tribune from London says:

The motive for the Boer reconnaissance in force on Sunday river on two successive days is not clear. One dispatch states that raiding parties are advancing toward Wepener, through Helpmakaar, to the south and toward Dewdorp to the west of Ladysmith. If these raids had been planned the attack upon Clerg's camp was an effective method of diverting attention from them. Probably the Boers have become restless during the five weeks of inaction and it was necessary for them and also to inspire the burghers at Pretoria by sending out a series of raids like those which are telegraphed from Lourenço Marques.

BOER LOSES HEAVY.

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FAKE STORY EXPLODED.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. WASHINGTON, April 12.—The War Department today received the following telegram from United States Consul at Pretoria, South Africa: "The British statement that Captain Carl Reichman, the United States military attaché, participated in the Transvaal, had been leading a Boer force."

PEOPLE SHOULD ELECT SENATORS.

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HER LIFE CHECKED BY MORPHINE.

Pathetic Case of Mrs. Julia Durnan of San Leandro.

Mrs. Julia J. Durnan of San Leandro, aged 32 years, was committed to the Stockton Insane Asylum this morning by Judge Ogden. Mrs. Durnan is a victim of the morphine habit. The drug has gradually undermined her mental faculties, so that she now imagines that she sees objects of various kinds. Of late she has been keeping her husband awake at night by telling him to watch people whom she thinks are sneaking into their home through the windows. This morning when Mrs. Durnan again referred to the people she thought she had seen her husband laughed at her and told her she was crazy. Mrs. Durnan then grabbed a knife and said if her husband would not protect her from those people she would either kill him or herself. Durnan took the knife away from her wife and with the assistance of Constable Gallett brought her to the Rocking Hospital to be examined as to her sanity. Mrs. Myra Knox and Sanborn recommended her commitment. Before Judge Ogden the husband testified that if he did not purchase morphine for his wife she would become frantic and break things in the house. After Judge Ogden had signed the commitment the husband made an ineffectual attempt to have the judge suppress the proceedings taken in regard to his wife. Approaching Judge Ogden with his hat on his head and a cigarette paper in his hand he said: "Say, Judge, can't you keep this thing on the quiet?" Judge Ogden looked at Durnan for a second in utter astonishment. He then said: "I do not know the meaning of it."

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MRS. R. P. GLEASON MAKES A DEFENSE.

Bitter Contest In Progress Over the Presidency of the Ebell Society--The Voting--Election Is Unconstitutional.

The annual election of officers of Ebell Society is in progress today in the rooms of the society in Reed Hall at the corner of Harrison and Fourteenth streets. Bidding began at 10 o'clock this morning and will be concluded this afternoon at 6 o'clock, at which time or rather as soon thereafter as the result can be determined, an announcement of the votes cast and the ladies for whom they were cast will be made. For some time past there has been a great deal said in the papers and a great deal more in private of the methods of doing things at the Ebell Society and the prominence which certain people enjoyed because of their connection with the organization. It has been hinted that members who took pleasure in advertising the fact that they never aspired to office in the society and by others who were known to be incapable for various reasons of performing the duties of officers, that certain people had sought positions for the purpose of keeping themselves before the mind's-eye of the public. The name of the president of the society, Mrs. R. P. Gleason, was one of those which inspired comment of this kind because of the importance which attached to all she did in connection with the efforts of the society to secure a site for the new Free Library building. It was even intimated that she had not been re-nominated for presidency as a rebuke, and that some of her friends, because of this fact, were disposed to elect her to a position for which she had not been re-nominated. Mrs. Gleason was seen by a TRIBUNE reporter this morning and these subjects were talked over in an informal way. The lady having received no intimation that anything she might say would be given the publicity of print, in the course of the conversation, it was learned that in present election was being carried on in violation of the constitution of the Society.

those ladies have declined to allow their names to be used, but some of their friends, of course, will give them a complimentary vote. But, there would be no complimentary vote. If I could prevent and stop it when I felt that it might have any effect whatever upon the election. HER FRIENDS. "No, I do not know how many of my friends had intended to vote for me, in telephoning them of my wishes in this regard and in writing to them I asked them to telephone, to write and to speak to others as regards my wishes regarding myself and Mrs. Bulkeley's candidacy." REBUKING THE COMMITTEE. Mrs. Gleason was asked if the intent of her friends to vote for her was intended as a rebuke to the nominating committee because that body had failed to renominate her for the presidency. "Oh, no," she exclaimed, "I am satisfied no rebuke was intended, and especially for that reason, because I was renominated. That is, I was asked if I would allow my name to be used among others for the position of president. DECLINED TO RUN. "I told the committee that under no circumstances would I permit my name to be placed before the society. I did this because we have had a great deal of work and a considerable success. Most clubs have a season of only eight months in a year, with two or three gatherings a month. We have a season of ten months, with three or four afternoons a month. We have given a number of unique entertainments, among which may be mentioned that on January 1st, then we were able to print one of Mr. Sullivan's letters. There were a number of others, all of which were quite entertaining and beneficial. "Besides, I believe in giving every one a chance, and let them take their turn." "I will say that I know of no rebuke intended for the committee, but, if any rebuke were intended, it was perhaps because the Nominating Committee had decided to adopt the same system of naming candidates as was employed a year ago—a system which was not successful. But, in the matter of securing candidates it was more successful than it has been this year. The plan was to secure the names of ladies who have their names placed before the society as candidates for the various offices. More people accepted such requests last year than have done so this year. The committee has sent a large number of letters containing requests of this kind and in a large number of instances, disclaimers, as it were, have been received and from the ladies who were capable of filling the positions mentioned. Last year, there were three names for nearly every office, but this year only two names were procured for most of the places. OTHER NOMINATING PLANS. "There are other and better plans of nominating. For instance, in a certain club, a nominating committee names a ticket. Then a number of members may form another committee to put another ticket in nomination and that second committee may name the members who will be the original ticket at the expense of the Society. That prevents the placing of several ladies in competition with one another for the same office. That may be done by men because they have one party or another with principles for each of the parties. But, in our Society, there are no different principles behind ladies who might be grouped together running for the same office. I do not like that method of nominating. FORMER PRACTICE. "For a number of years prior to last year the method of nominating and electing was done differently. A nominating committee was named and that placed in nomination, say, fifteen or nineteen ladies. From that number we selected nine or ten directors, and from among these the officers were selected. Our constitution is silent as to how officers shall be named and selected. That is why, I presume, changes in methods are made at times.

Our constitution speaks of the directors. ELECTION UNCONSTITUTIONAL. Mrs. Gleason was asked if, under these circumstances, the election today, after the plan of the Nominating Committee, was not in violation of the constitution, and replied: "It is in violation of the constitution. It is beating somebody around the stump in that way." ACTING WITHOUT AUTHORITY. Mrs. Gleason was asked if she had heard criticism passed regarding her having used the name of the society as president without authority in corresponding with the Library Board regarding plans and other things for the new Public Library building. Mrs. Gleason's feature became suffused as if the question had occasioned annoyance. She regained composure in a moment, however, and then replied: "Of course, I could not help but hear any criticism which might be cast upon any acts of mine in connection with the society. No, I have heard no such criticism. If people will talk, they will say many things, and some of those things may be very unkind, too. I was particularly situated at that time. It was president of the Ebell Society and chairman of the Library Committee and Mrs. Ginn was secretary. The committee and myself were dependent upon the Board of Directors for what the committee had to do. We brought everything that came before the committee to the attention of the directors, and when we acted, we did so with the approval and authority of the directors. When I signed my name for the society or committee, and when Mrs. Ginn signed as secretary, we acted with the sanction of the directors and consequently the sanction of the society." "It was understood that the subject had become painful to Mrs. Gleason and the reporter was about to withdraw, when Mrs. Gleason's feelings overcame her and she asked to be excused." The officers being voted for this afternoon are as follows:

President.	Vote for one.
Mrs. Kate A. Buckley.	
Vice President.	Vote for two.
Mrs. E. T. Barber.	
Mrs. Clark L. Goddard.	
Miss Mabel Gray.	
Mrs. J. W. Musser.	
Recording Secretary.	Vote for one.
Mrs. Frederick Allard.	
Mrs. S. W. Chubbuck.	
Mrs. Edward R. Still.	
Corresponding Secretary.	Vote for one.
Mrs. Park Fellows.	
Mrs. B. B. Kerkut.	
Mrs. B. B. Sessions.	
Financial Secretary.	Vote for one.
Mrs. J. W. McElmonds.	
Treasurer.	Vote for one.
Mrs. L. S. Burchard.	
Book Committee.	Vote for one.
Mrs. J. R. Scupham.	
Assistant Secretary.	Vote for one.
Mrs. M. C. Chapman.	
Miss Grace Holt.	
Mrs. Albert Smith.	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Committee on Nominations consists of the following ladies: Mrs. G. W. Bunell, chairman; Mrs. C. C. Hays, secretary; Mrs. A. A. Denison, Mrs. Walter Emerson, Mrs. Z. T. Gilpin, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. A. M. Rosborough, Mrs. W. H. Creed and Mrs. C. E. Cotton.

THE ELECTION. The contest at the Ebell Society this afternoon is quite exciting. Mrs. Gleason's friends are voting for her and seem determined to have her re-elected. They are out in large numbers today. The fact is the election is quite exciting. Friends of Mrs. Bulkeley say that she will surely be elected.

DELAY AT THE EXPOSITION.

Formal Opening to the Public Occurs on Sunday.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. PARIS, April 12.—The Exposition authorities are making strenuous efforts to prepare the show for the inauguration tomorrow, but an examination of the grounds and buildings today shows the task is impossible. The buildings are filled with debris and the exhibits are only partially installed. The Salle des Fêtes, in which the inaugural ceremonies are planned to occupy tomorrow, has an army of men clearing the floor space and arranging the seats. The work will continue all night and close to the hour when the invited guests arrive. The hall is a magnificent structure, beautifully decorated and is a great tribute to French architecture and decorative art. In order to facilitate the labor of clearing the grounds, thousands of soldiers have been utilized. The ceremonies are timed to begin at 2 o'clock, when M. Millerand, Minister of Commerce, will make the inaugural address, to which President Loubet will reply. The President will then walk through a portion of the grounds, and afterward embarking on a river craft, will go down the river Seine to the new Alexander III bridge, which he will formally declare open. The exposition grounds will be closed for the day on the formal opening to the public taking place on Sunday.

DEADLOCK STILL ON.

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REPUBLICANS WILL GO SOUTH.

Preparing For Big Convention to be Held in Los Angeles.

The following circular concerning the Republican Convention of clubs has been sent out:

Los Angeles, Cal., April 12, 1900.

When the biennial session of the Convention of the California League of the Republican Clubs that meets in Los Angeles April 27-28 shall have closed, the hands of the Republican party of the State will have been strengthened. So much enthusiasm exists in this Republic throughout California, and so gratifying are the reports that come to the Los Angeles Executive Committee that has the arrangements for the Convention in charge, that the prediction long since made that this convention would prove the largest club gathering in the history of the State is being realized.

In order to meet this emergency in response to the request for the Republican workers to come to the Convention City of the Southland, the Executive Committee has devised a very method of entertainment that will conduce to the pleasure of the 7,500 delegates, with families and friends, that are expected.

The citizens of Los Angeles, without regard to party, have patriotically responded to the call for funds to meet the necessary outlays that a convention of this magnitude entails. Therefore, the Executive Committee is able to say that every item of expense for convention hall, music, decorations, headquarters, badges, etc., will be met, and that delegates will not be called upon for a single dollar to meet any expense, much less a deficit.

The convention will be held in Hazard's Pavilion, which is capable of comfortably seating 5,000 persons. The decorations, using as adjuncts the tropical plants and flowers of this section, with Old Glory bunting and shields, have been instructed to turn the interior into a miniature park of color.

For the convenience of the working force of the convention, two official headquarters have been secured. The Western Hotel will be devoted to the needs of the State Executive, while the working force of the local executives and general headquarters for all visitors will be in the rooms of the League, 120 Spring Street, within easy reach of every hotel and public building.

Too much stress cannot be placed upon the special railroad rate that has been granted by the railroads. This rate is a real and one that will be of great benefit to the delegates for the round trip from any part of the State to Los Angeles. The tickets for the going trip may be purchased on or after April 11th. All railroad agents are fully informed as to the provisions of the special rate, and they will give all information when requested. In Southern California the rate is an "open rate" and goes on sale April 24th to 26th. These tickets can be secured by delegates and their families as well as by their friends. No distinction is drawn; the rate is open to every one.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

FRENCH POET AT THE U. C. OF KENYON.

Mrs. Hearst Will Not Old Man Starved to Return After Vacation.

Death in a Cabin at Berkeley.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, April 12.—Henri de Regnier, the celebrated French poet, has completed his series of lectures before the Circle Français of Harvard University and is on his way to Berkeley to lecture before the University of California.

M. de Regnier will deliver five lectures at Hearst Hall in Berkeley, at 3 o'clock on the afternoons of April 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th. The lectures will be in French.

De Regnier was declared by those who heard him in Cambridge to be the greatest of the French men of letters who have yet visited Harvard University. He is a man of thirty-six, but already he has been recognized as the leader of the Symbolist school. M. de Regnier's first verses were published in November, 1885, under the title of "Les Lendemains." The following year he published "Apaisement." The first of M. de Regnier's works to attract general attention was a collection of sonnets entitled "Sels," published in 1897. Since then he has published many works in rapid succession.

The critics have valiantly over the question whether De Regnier is a genius or a decadent. M. de Regnier's school holds that poetry should suggest rather than express. As the Symbolists have imitated sculpture in poetry, so the Symbolists imitate music. De Regnier's poems are filled with vague and beautiful dreams. Their charm is intangible and elusive.

De Regnier has published two volumes of stories, "La Canne de Jaspé" and "La Vieille Blanc." He contributes important literary articles over his own signature to the Revue des Deux Mondes, the Revue de Paris, and several other leading magazines. Within a few days M. de Regnier's first novel will appear, "Double Malheur," a curious study of customs in the eighteenth century. Another book now in the press is a volume of poems entitled "Argile."

The French Academy last year awarded to M. de Regnier the Prix Vitet for his works, and M. Gaston Boissier, the Secretary of the Academy, expressed his esteem as follows in his official report: "It is a poet, M. de Regnier, who has been awarded the Prix Vitet. He is one of the leaders of that new school which pretends to do no less than modify the form and spirit of French poetry. The enterprise is a daring one. Everybody recognized that M. de Regnier has very rare poetical gifts, abundance of riches, a sense of rhythm and harmony of the period, a grace both provoking and natural that makes him admired even by those whom his boldness displeases."

M. de Regnier was made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor in 1897. He married the daughter of the poet, José María de Heredia, of the French Academy, the author of "Les Trophées."

A NEW FRATERNITY. A chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was organized at San Francisco Tuesday evening with the following charter members: Frank P. Ellis, Phil B. Arrowsmith, Edward A. Powers, Coniah L. Bigelow, Harold S. Shaffer, John M. Brewer, John A. Clay, Claude H. Lashlee, F. W. Lambeau, Zerkow, E. F. Eadux and Samuel J. Van Ornum. Dr. E. P. Lewis and Mrs. C. P. Nott are the faculty members.

The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was organized at Richmond, Virginia, in 1865, and has about forty-three active chapters of whom are a prosperous organization. Judge Erskine M. Ross, of the U. S. Circuit Court, who is one of the founders of the fraternity, has been elected the establishment of the Gamma Iota chapter at California. Among the prominent members of the fraternity are: Wm. W. C. Page, member of the House of Representatives; and Wm. W. C. Page, member of the House of Representatives.

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ALAMEDA BOATING CLUB

ILLUMINATED PARADE ON ESTUARY TOMORROW EVENING.

ALAMEDA, April 13.—The Alameda Boating Club is to give its ladies night, and grand illuminated "tow" on the estuary on Saturday evening and great preparations are in progress for the unique affair.

Two hundred invitations have been issued and already one hundred and twenty-five signed that they will take pleasure in joining in the water festivities so that with the club's large membership a lively gathering is anticipated, and the affair promises to be the most successful ever undertaken by the popular organization.

Fifteen pluggers have been secured to accommodate the guests, the club having engaged all of Hartman's & Peterson's from across the bay.

Three hundred Japanese lanterns have been ordered to illuminate the liquid pathway of the floating caravan, and the old estuary will present a scene as gay and festive as has ever been known in its history. A large launch will be used as a tow, and while progress will not be at racing speed, the long string of boats will move fast enough. There will be music by an orchestra of the club members.

The start is to be made from the boat house at the foot of Chestnut street at 9 o'clock, and the course will be around the Oakland side of the creek, and across Sessions basin to the bridge, returning along by Alameda shore.

The float is to be under the direction of Commodore Sid Pollard. There will be an illumination of red fire and dancing during the evening light refreshments will be served.

ALAMEDA SAYS OAKLAND IS ON THE MOVE. ALAMEDA, April 13.—Oakland is experiencing the premonitory system of prosperity and her various commercial organizations are on the qui vive to take advantage of every opportunity to present itself to advance the interests of their city. Especially is a watch kept upon manufacturing and business enterprises which would add in building up the town, and there is a unanimity of opinion upon the desirability of such institutions that is truly remarkable.

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Board of Works. A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held this afternoon to consider plans and specifications for the opening of wells on the Roberts property at San Lorenzo to ascertain whether the supply in that vicinity was sufficient to meet the requirements of the city.

Wants to Pay Debts. Mrs. Catherine Hyde has filed a petition to be permitted to sell part of the estate of her late husband, Maurice D. Hyde, to pay off debts amounting to \$11,756.62. The estate is valued at \$24,000.

Board of Health. The Board of Health will hold its regular monthly meeting this evening.

Do You Intend to Build? If you do, send for a neat book of home plans and specifications for the building of a house. The book is free of charge. Address: The Board of Health, 1015 Broadway, Oakland.

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Benjamin Franklin, in one of his letters to me, wrote this beautiful sentence: "Time is the most precious thing in the world." Quincy wrote that he believed the time would come when the mail would be carried between Washington and Boston in ten days with considerable regularity. Today, if it is not carried in about the same number of hours, there is sharp inquiry why the mail is so delayed. What would Franklin say today if he were writing to me about the saving of time and genius have wrought? If he could emerge from his crude laboratory today, step into a telephone office, and while he watched with astonished eyes the rapid progress through the streets of loaded trolley cars drawn by no visible force, could hear a friend in Chicago describe to him, in a well recog-

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The enormous falling off in the tonnage of the Erie and Welland canals and the changes and astonishing reductions in the traffic of rivers in all sections of this country as a result of the competition of rival railroads, point in the same direction. During the sixteen years ending 1900, the tonnage of freight transported on the lower Mississippi fell off 41½ per cent, the tonnage on competing railroads increased 365 per cent, and the sea traffic of New Orleans increased 70 per cent, and this defection of commerce from the Mississippi to the competing railroads in the United States alone is sufficient to say right here a few words about the Nicaragua canal. Maybe you are all in favor of it, as I am. I told it has a great "pull," as the politicians say, although just why I do not know. Perhaps I am going to make me a canal man, and I am going to start out on my ideas regarding the Nicaragua canal, but you will, I know, give me the credit of doing a citizen's duty in doing so.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Fifty years ago, when I was beginning my life work in San Francisco as a merchant, I heard that the United States Government and the Government of Great Britain had entered into a convention in London, May 18, 1850, for a treaty to stand by and protect any individual or company which might wish to employ private capital come forward to construct the Nicaragua canal. The treaty afforded ample protection to all persons and property employed in constructing the canal, the law of war supposed that the capital and enterprise would be to the benefit of the country, and the treaty was entered into at once with the purpose of opening up to navigation this highway between the two oceans. But fifty years have come and gone, and no canal, nor even a beginning of a canal is seen. Then about the year 1880, ten years after the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was signed, the Nicaraguan canal was begun, and within a space of ten years was completed by private capital, with little or no Government protection, and at about the estimated cost of the Nicaragua canal as arrived at by the engineers. It was opened in the year 1880, more than thirty years after the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was signed. The route from the Pacific to the Atlantic and Australia by from four to six thousand miles than by an American overland route, it also affords a better route, all things considered, for commerce between New York and Asia and Australia. Then, in the year 1880, the first transcontinental railroad was completed, and today there are in all six transcontinental coasting lines.

Some of our ablest and best men in the Southern Pacific. One of these our Southern Pacific has its principal Eastern terminus at Galveston. The result has been that the people interested in the Nicaragua canal scheme have been obliged to abandon the idea of constructing it and to turn to the Panama route for private capital, and for the last ten or twelve years they have been importunate beggars at Washington for Gov-

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Mr. Huntington's remarks were given very close attention, and he was frequently interrupted by applause, espe-

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